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H. R. 4615

To prohibit the furnishing of STINGER air defense guided missiles to foreign paramilitary forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 1986

Mr. AU COIN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) STINGER air defense guided missiles are suf-
6 ficiently small and their range is sufficiently long so
7 that they can be concealed in large urban areas and
8 used to attack and destroy, with no warning, commer-
9 cial passenger aircraft on the takeoff and approach
10 paths of many major airports;

1 (2) the STINGER missile can be fired by one in-
2 dividual and requires no maintenance;

3 (3) operation of the STINGER missile requires no
4 advanced technological skill;

5 (4) the United States has no system to sufficiently
6 safeguard against the transfer of STINGER missiles
7 from foreign paramilitary forces to terrorist organiza-
8 tions; and

9 (5) the provision of STINGER missiles to para-
10 military forces as part of United States covert oper-
11 ations in any country would constitute an unacceptable
12 risk to the safety of commercial passenger air travel.

13 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FURNISHING STINGER MISSILES TO**
14 **FOREIGN PARAMILITARY FORCES.**

15 (a) **PROHIBITION.**—The United States Government
16 may not furnish or otherwise make available, directly or indi-
17 rectly, any STINGER air defense guided missile (or any
18 other man-portable ground-to-air missile with comparable ad-
19 vanced technology) to any foreign military or paramilitary
20 force, other than—

21 (1) the armed forces of a foreign government with
22 which the United States has diplomatic relations,

23 (2) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or

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1 (3) any other international organization, all of
2 whose members are foreign governments with which
3 the United States has diplomatic relations.

4 (b) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
5 “United States Government” includes the Department of
6 Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and any other de-
7 partment, agency, or other instrumentality of the United
8 States Government.

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